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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SNAR, CO

SUBJ: ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS GIVEN TO DAZ IN OPERATION FUNNEL

1. DAS INSPECTOR GENERAL (IG) HAS INFORMED BDO THAT IT IS INVESTIGATING DISBURSEMENT OF OPERATION FUNNEL FUNDS BY MARIO ALFARO, CHIEF OF THE DAS NARCOTICS UNIT. STATES REASON FOR INVESTIGATION S COMPLAINT THAT DAS DETECTIVES PARTICIPATING IN FUNNEL DID NOT RECEIVE PROPER PER DIEM PAYMENTS.

2. IG HAS ASKED FOR ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (ANSWERS ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERRE ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES):

A. AMOUNT OF FUNDS GIVEN TO DAS FOR OPERATION FUNNEL? (1,795,081.51 PESOS).

B. TO WHOM WAS IT PAID? (MARIO ALFARO)

C. HOW MANY TIMES WAS MONEY DISBURSED? (VARIOUS TIMES; BDO HAS 47 RECEIPTS).

D. WHAT WAS AUTHORIZED PER DIEM RATE PER DETECTIVE? CONFIDENTIAL

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(RATE VARIED FROM 300 TO 400 PESOS DEPENDING ON FUNDS AVAILABLE. TOTAL PAID OUT IN THIS CATEGORY WAS 1,344,733.23 PESOS.)

E. HOW MUCH WAS PAID FOR GAS, VEHICLES, ETC.? (177,932 PESOS).

F. HOW MUCH WAS PAID FOR INFORMANTS? (US \$7,095 WHICH CAME FROM DEA FUNDS AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL IN A. ABOVE.)

3. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON ANY LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS AND/OR ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR COMPLYING WITH SUCH REQUESTS.
MISSION HAS NO DESIRE TO PROTECT ALFARO AGAINST ANY MISUSE OF FUNDS, BUT INVESTIGATION COULD HAVE OTHER MOTIVES, E.G. ATTACKING ALFARO FOR COOPERATION WITH BDO.
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